

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 10, 2004

FROM: **MICHAEL D. STODELLE**, Chairman
 Law & Justice Group

SUBJECT: **BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT APPLICATION**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve submission of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Application in the amount of \$124,572; and authorize the Law & Justice Group to submit the necessary information via the online application process.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Bulletproof Vest Grant (BPV) Act of 1998 assists States, units of government, and Indian tribes, in obtaining funds to purchase bulletproof vests for their law enforcement officers. The purpose of the Act is to save the lives of law enforcement personnel by helping equip the officers with armored vests. The County has participated in the program for the past five years and has been awarded a total of \$262,543 in Federal grant funds. The BPV Act of 2000 provides funding priority for smaller jurisdictions with populations under 100,000; with remaining funds allocated to jurisdictions with populations at or over 100,000. In FY03-04, all appropriated funds were awarded to smaller jurisdictions. Recently, the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance announced a sixth round of funding with applications due no later than April 1, 2004.

This action seeks approval to submit an online application to the BJA for the reimbursement of fifty percent (50%) of the costs associated with the purchase of bulletproof vests. The application submittal and grant award is an online process; therefore, no application or contract is available. If the grant application is successful, an agenda item will be submitted to the Board for acceptance of the award.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel (Rex Hinesley, Chief Deputy County Counsel, 387-5480) on January 26, 2004; District Attorney (Jane Allen, Chief of Administration, 387-6614) on January 27, 2004; Probation Department (Ray Wingerd, Interim Chief Probation Officer, 387-5692) on January 29, 2004; Sheriff's Department (Richard Beemer, Captain, 387-3649) on January 27, 2004; and the County Administrative Office (Laurie Rozko, Administrative Analyst, 387-8997) on February 2, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The per-unit cost for each department varies according to the type and specifications of the vest that is used. The budgeted armor vest requirements for FY04-05 are 210 vests for Sheriff Deputies at a cost of \$94,359; 84 vests for Probation Officers at a cost of \$24,150; and 12 vests for District Attorney investigators at a cost of \$6,063. The total cost of the 306 vests in FY04-05 is anticipated to be \$124,572. These expenditures will be included in each participating department's FY04-05 budget. If this grant application is fully successful, \$62,286 will be received from the Federal Government to reimburse the County for fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of the protective vests. No additional County local cost will be requested. All vests are to be purchased under a standing contract with a County authorized law enforcement equipment vendor. Upon notification of an award amount, staff will return to the Board for authorization to accept the grant.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Michael D. Stodelle, Chairman, Law & Justice Group (387-3671)

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